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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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KEIICHIRO ISHIHARA, et al.)
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Application No.: 10/633,521)
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Filed: August 5, 2003)
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For: OPTICAL SCANNING)
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DEVICE AND IMAGE)
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FORMING APPARATUS)
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USING THE SAME : November 4, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Europe 730,182
Europe 1,265,434

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Russian patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of an English language translation of the Russian Office Action is enclosed. Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

U.S. Patent 6,330,524, which was also cited in the Search Report, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 15, 2004.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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